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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page

Item (56), References Cited; FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS,:

“JP 0940397 9/1997” should be --JP 9-240397 9/1997--

In the Claims:

Column 17

Line 50, Claim 3: “form” should be --from--

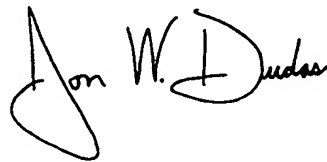
Column 18

Line 55, Claim 8: “excluding a area” should be --excluding an area--

Line 55, Claim 8: “of a object” should be --of an object--

Signed and Sealed this

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon W. Dudas". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "J" and a distinct "D" at the end.

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